



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**MAYOR
JERRY SANDERS
Science and Technology Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, hosted by Community and Economic Development located at 600B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Members present: Luis Avila, Dr. Hui Cai, Daniel Chang, Dr. Martha Dennis, Susan Myrland, Dr. Gail Naughton, Tyler Orion, Craig Roberts, and Maurice Wilson. Members absent: Craig Andrews, Jon Cohen, Scott Corlett, Dr. Tom Dillon, Charles Holland, Kristopher Lichter, Marc Nemer, Carrie Stone, and Julie Meier Wright. Community & Economic Development Department staff members: Russ Gibbon, Toni Dillon, Tina Hines, Scott Kessler, Adrienne Turner.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dr. Martha Dennis congratulated the Business Expansion Attraction and Retention (BEAR) Team on its accomplishment of the retention of Cardinal Health in San Diego.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** May 17, 2006 (MOTION/Orion/Roberts/UNANIMOUS)
- IV. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION UPDATE**
 - A. Introduction to Scott Kessler, Deputy Director of Economic Development Division (EDD): Scott Kessler was appointed as the new Deputy Director in May of 2006. Prior to taking his current position with the City, he was the Chief Executive Officer for the Business Improvement District Council. The Business Improvement District Council focuses on the activities of all business districts city wide affiliated with the Business Improvement District Council. Kessler mentioned that the Economic Development Division has future plans to research and develop new programs and incentives for high technology companies.
 - B. Brown Act Review: Toni Dillon provided a brief review of the Brown Act which governs the conduct and procedures for open public meetings.
 - C. Conflict of Interest Review, CA Government Code Section 1090: Dillon stated that the conflict of interest provisions contained in CA Government Code Section 1090 apply to conflicts that arise from economic or financial interests a public official may hold. Conflict of interest rules apply when a public official: 1) Makes a governmental decision; 2) participates in making a governmental decision; 3) influences a governmental decision by communicating with the decision maker. Dillon concluded that the following five types of economic interests held by public officials can cause a conflict: 1) business entities; 2) real property; 3) sources of income; 4) personal financial effects; 5) sources of gifts. Moreover if an economic or financial conflict arises for a public official, the official must recuse himself from the decision making process. As Commission members appointed by Mayor and confirm by City Council, they are considered public officials.

V. UPDATING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN CP 900-1

A. Formerly entitled, Community and Economic Development Strategy 2002-2004:

Russ Gibbon stated that the Community and Economic Development (CED) Strategy was adopted in response to the economic downturn of the early 1990's. The CED Strategy provided for business development assistance to the following targeted industries: 1) telecommunications; 2) biotechnology; 3) software; 4) manufacturing; 5) defense. He stated that these base sector industries drive the rest of San Diego's economy and generate higher wage jobs.

Gibbon continued that the CED Strategy contains the basis for the Economic Development Division's programs. In addition the CED Strategy should be cohesive with the Economic Prosperity Element of the City's General Plan.

Ms. Tyler Orion moved that the Science and Technology Commission convene a special subcommittee to give input for the update of the CED Strategy (MOTION/Orion/Naughton/UNANIMOUS).

B. Council Policy (CP) 900-01: Toni Dillon stated that Council Policy 900-01 provides the framework for the City's comprehensive economic development programs. Various economic development program elements have been incorporated into the CED Strategy.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY'S WATER REUSE STUDY

A. Dr. Gail Naughton moved that the Commission approve the letter of support for the Water Department's Water Reuse Study (MOTION/Naughton/Roberts/UNANIMOUS).

VII. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS: Due to the constraint of time, the Commission members were asked to email suggestions for future agenda topics to directly to Toni Dillon.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

A. DIWG: There was no new information available to report.

B. The Public WiFi Working Group: Dr. Dennis summarized the telephone conversation with Dianeh Neff, CIO for the City of Philadelphia, regarding best practices for public WiFi. The June 6th, Public WiFi Working Group meeting minutes, are posted on the Science and Technology Commission website, under the title of "Subcommittees."

IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS: Mr. Craig Roberts moved that the September 6th meeting be canceled and a special meeting be scheduled on September 13th (MOTION/Roberts/Cai/UNANIMOUS).

X. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business of the Commission, this meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.